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TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING INTRA-PERICARDIAL ACCESS

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- X Patent Application Transmittal
- X Specification:  
Total pages: 30 (including claims and abstract: Spec. 18 sheets; Claims 11 sheets; Abstract 1)
- X Drawings:  
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- ☒ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney:  
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☒ copy from prior application  
☐ Deletion of Inventor(s) - Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b))  
☐ Incorporation by Reference - *The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied above is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.*
- X Accompanying application parts:  
☐ Notification of filing a  
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☐ Assignment cover sheet  
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☐ Copies of IDS citations  
☒ Preliminary Amendment  
☐ A copy of the Petition or Conditional Petition for Extension of Time in the prior application.  
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IF A CONTINUING APPLICATION:

- ☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application  
No. 09/430,096, filed October 29, 1999.
- ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/430,096, filed October 29, 1999, now allowed.--
- ☒ Cancel in this application original claims 1-38 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least the original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
- ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Medtronic, Inc.
- ☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to: Girma Wolde-Michael.

☐ This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) Serial No.(s) \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

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Total Claims	2	20	= 0	x 18	0
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Multiple Dependent Claims	0		0	+ 280	0
Basic Filing Fee					\$750.00
TOTAL					750.00

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